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TAGS: PFOR, US, SY

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT ASAD'S HOLIDAY GREETING

REF: DAMASCUS 5169

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO  
SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFIZ AL-ASAD:

2. QUOTE - DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM GREETINGS  
FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IS MUCH AP-  
PRECIATED. I HOPE THE COMING YEAR WILL BE A HAPPY AND  
PROSPEROUS ONE FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA AND WILL BRING WITH  
IT FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD THE PEACE WE BOTH SEEK. WITH  
BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD - UNQUOTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF SARG WISHES TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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